| Features | p-value | Persisten t mean | Recent mean | Description | Dynamics in time | Interpretation |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 1. Mean distance | 1·41E-24 | 0.034 | 0.012 | Average number of point mutations between pairs of haplotypes. Measures diversity | 个 | Accumulation of mutations and diversification over the course of intra-host evolution |
| 2. Std distance | 4·10E-14 | 0.019 | 0.010 | Standard deviation of number of point mutations between pairs of haplotypes. Measures diversity. | 个 | |
| 3. Conservatio n score | 5·11E-25 | 0.422 | 0.188 | Average distance between the observed nucleotides and their consensuses. The distance is based on the NUC44 scoring matrix. Measures diversity | 1 | |
| 4. Mutation frequency | 3·07E-16 | 0.023 | 0.010 | Average number of point mutations between haplotypes and the most frequent haplotype. Measures diversity. | 1 | |
| 5. k-entropy E_k (k=10) | 7·00E-23 | 0∙630 | 0.357 | Average entropy of <i>k</i> -mers | ↑ | |

| | | | | (subsequences of length k) starting at fixed genomic positions. Measures diversity. | | |
|---|----------|--------|--------|--|--------------|--|
| 6. Frequency entropy E_L | 4·56E-06 | 0.668 | 0.567 | Entropy of observed haplotype frequencies. Measures diversity. | ↑ | |
| 7. SNV entropy <i>E</i> ₁ | 1·14E-21 | 0.084 | 0.043 | Average entropy of SNV frequencies. Measures diversity. | 1 | |
| 8. Transversio n mutation | 1·06E-07 | 0.061 | 0.032 | Frequency of mutations between purine and pyrimidine nucleotides. | 1 | The role of genetic saturation |
| 9. DN/DS | 5·39E-10 | 0.713 | 1.330 | Ratio of non- synonymous (DN) and synonymous (DS) substitutions. Measures the strength of selection | \checkmark | Increase in purifying selection indicating a growing role of intra-host adaptation |
| 10. PCA complexity | 1·4E-03 | 0.0053 | 0.0125 | Percentage of principal components required to explain at least α =50% percent of the observed genetic variance. Measures the | \checkmark | Increase of structuredness of intra-host viral populations, possibly associated with intra-host adaptation and |

| | | | | population complexity. | | emergence of specialization |
|---|----------|-------|-------|--|---------------|---|
| 11. Kolmogorov complexity | 1·55E-11 | 0.041 | 0.02 | The highest possible degree of compression of observed viral sequences without loss of information. Measures the population complexity. | \rightarrow | |
| 12.Robustn ess/Selectio n balance | 3·66E-15 | 0.628 | 0.386 | Correlation between haplotype frequencies and haplotype centralities in the observed genetic network. Measures the balance between mutational robustness and selection. | ← | The major role of multiple founders at the earlier infection stage, later superseded by the increased role of mutational robustness. |
| 13. s-metric | 1·93E-20 | 0.001 | 0.044 | Network theory feature that measures how close a genetic network is to being scale-free (a type of networks characterized by the presence of hubs, small diameter and a power-law degree distribution) | \rightarrow | |

| 14. Clustering coefficient | 2·08E-13 | 0.082 | 0.356 | Network theory feature that measures the propensity of haplotypes to cluster together in the genetic network | \downarrow | |
|--|----------|--------|-------|---|--------------|---|
| 15. ODE feature C _{ODE} | 2·42E-06 | -0.270 | 0.224 | The estimation of a population age using a dynamic model of viral evolution under the immune system's pressure. | N/A | Declining role of immune escape |
| 16. Biochemical feature | 2·92E-35 | 0.628 | 0.379 | Total frequency of haplotypes identified as having a physico- chemical profile pointing to persistent infection. | ← | The change of physico- chemical properties is likely to be associated with transition between evolutionary mechanisms responsible for virus survival and proliferation at different infection stages. |

 Table S1: Descriptions and statistical results for analyzed features.